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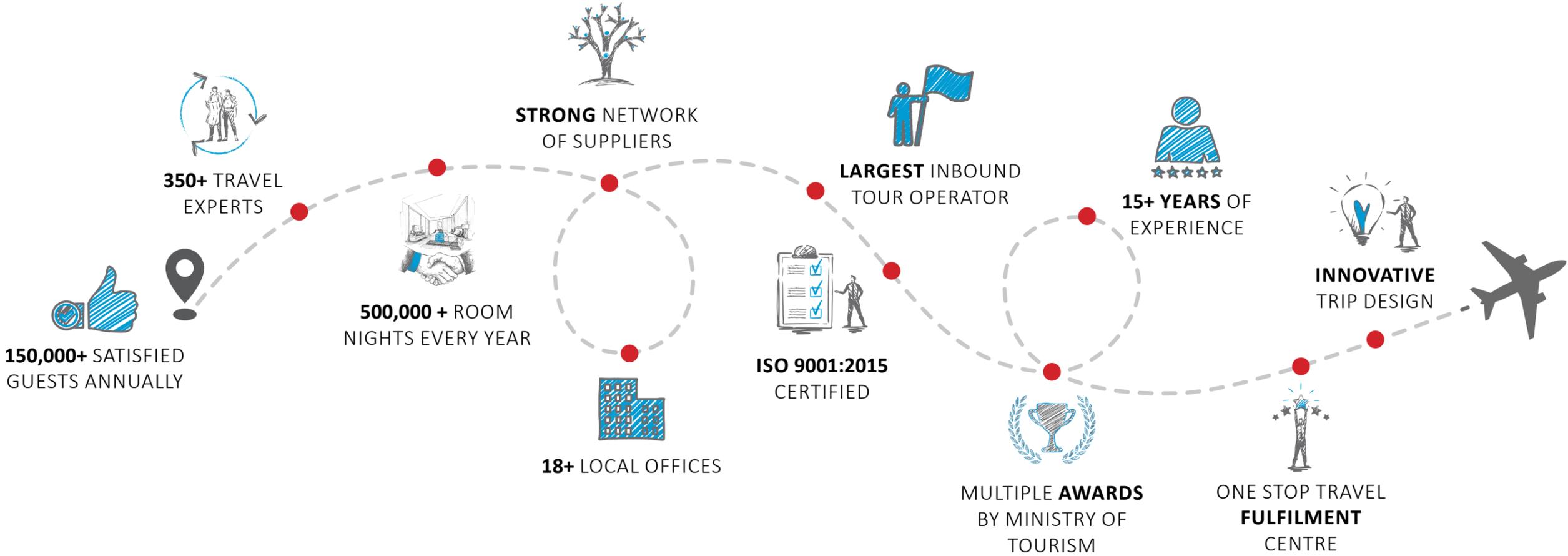
ABOUT LPTI

Driven by the vision of providing a 'Journey of a lifetime, every time', we relentlessly seek to scale greater heights. Being a premier Destination Management Company with a country-wide network and dedicated teams specialising in every aspect of travel, we have a massive outreach. We are India's first ISO 9001:2015 certified DMC and offer the best of services – be it, our state-of-the-art transport fleet and exclusive panel of expert guides, or tie-ups with the best hotels across the Indian subcontinent.

Besides our passion for introducing special new products or innovating upon existing ones, our biggest endeavour is to make sure that we follow the best of safety protocols. Safety of our guests is of paramount importance to us, all the more so, in these times of 'New Normal'.



Why with LPTI



Advantages of Travelling with Us



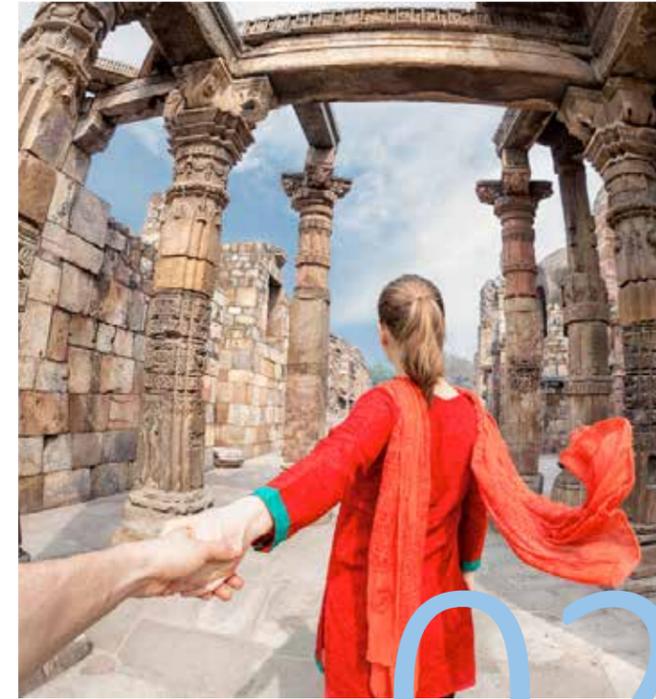
Cruising through Incredible India's myriad stunning landscapes at your own pace is an experience of a lifetime indeed – our diligently curated handpicked self-drive tours ensure that you live countless such experiences during your journey. From the mighty Himalayas and the majestic wonders of royal Rajasthan to the bewitching charms South India, we have a self-drive tour for every season, mood and choice. These self-drive tours are a league apart from other run-of-the-mill tours as they have many unique features.



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PLAN THE TOUR AT YOUR OWN PACE WITH FREEDOM AND FLEXIBILITY

Unlike rigidly fixed itineraries, our self-guide tours offer you the flexibility to travel and explore at your own pace, without getting into the hassle of fixing a completely DIY trip. So, you get the best of both worlds – freedom as well as backup support. While, we will suggest the star highlights of the destinations you plan to visit, it will be your choice to explore and travel at leisure. For instance, if some offbeat place catches your fancy, you simply need to stop your vehicle and step out for a bit of photography or just to soak in the surroundings.



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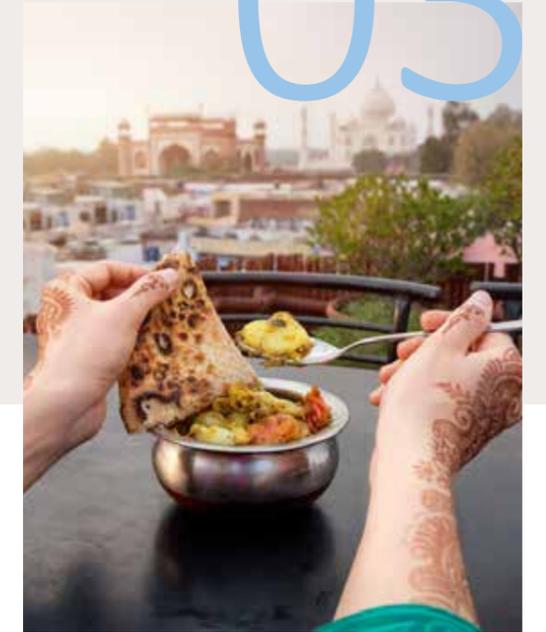
TRAVEL WITH YOUR OWN PEOPLE WITH GREATER COMFORT AND PRIVACY

Our experience over the years tells us that many people prefer to travel independently in the company of their travel mates rather than in a large group of strangers or with accompanying guides. We understand this need for privacy and these self-drive tours offer loads of privacy and comfort. Of course, while, help is always near at hand, it's absolutely non-intrusive, leaving you free to stay relaxed and savour blissful moments.

SAVE AS YOU TRAVEL

Often, self-drive tours work out to be more economical than fixed fancy itineraries or large group tours, leaving you free to spend your money as you deem fit. For instance, while driving, you need not stop to eat at some predetermined restaurant. Of course, we will give you suggestions but ultimately, it will be your call. Similarly, we may advise you about souvenir-hunting hotspots, but you will be free to take your pick of visiting the places you want to, quite unlike a fixed itinerary.

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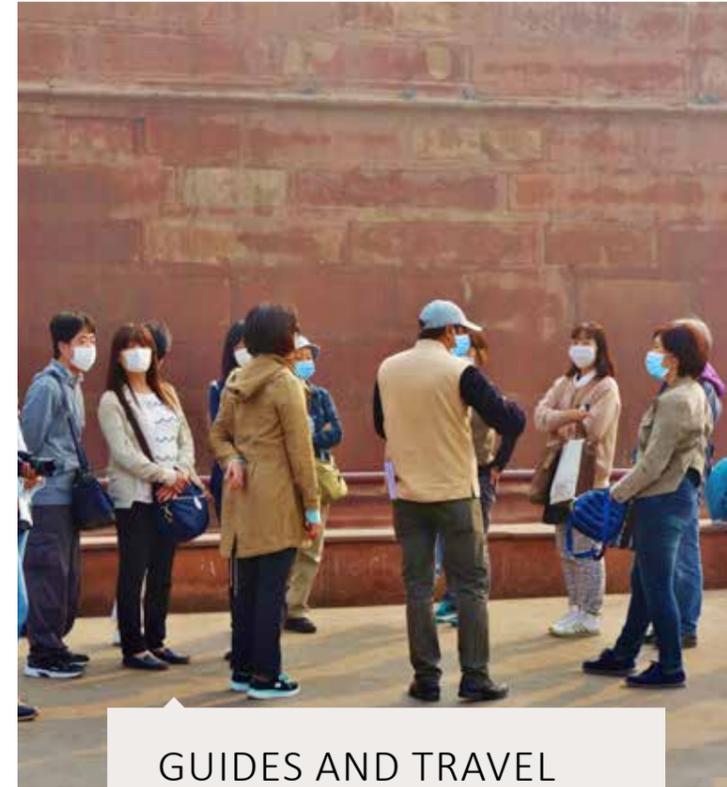
REAP THE BENEFITS OF OUR FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE

Our self-drive tours are meant to ensure independent adventurous experiences for you. So, we make sure that we don't dampen your thrill, while doing our best to enhance your experience all the more. Our extensive knowledge and wealth of experience, coupled with a vast network across the country, gives us access to the best of hotels and priceless tidbits of local information about the places you plan to visit. This gives us the pleasure to offer you tours, customised to your tastes and preferences.

100 % Health and Safety Guarantee

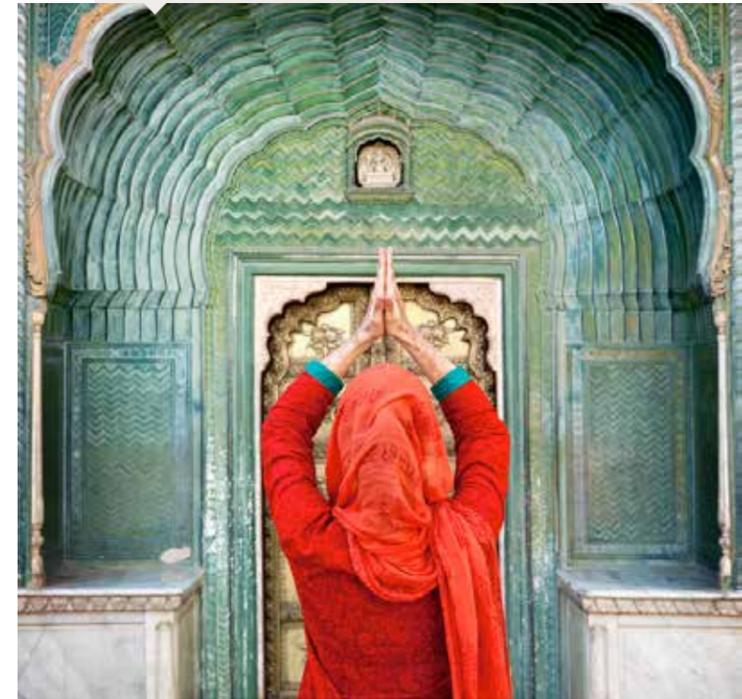
MEET AND GREET SERVICES

Representatives will wear masks and gloves, and won't accompany guests to hotels. There will be 'no garlanding' or 'aarti tikka', and 'Namaste' will be the standard greeting at every touch point. Welcome travel kits will be mailed to guests before travel, and no printed documents will be given. A 'covid protection kit' will be available for travellers at a supplement and our partners may opt for the same.



SIGHTSEEING

Visiting crowded places will be avoided. Similarly, special experiences such as village walks, school and community centre visits, interaction with artisans, and cooking with a family will be suspended until further notice. Socks will be provided for visiting temples, monasteries and other religious establishments. Guidelines will also be issued by state tourism boards, Ministry of Tourism and the Archeological Survey of India (ASI).



GUIDES AND TRAVEL ESCORTS

They will also play a major role in the new normal. All guides will have to don masks and gloves, while maintaining adequate distance during tours. Guides will meet guests at the monument, unless it's absolutely necessary to visit the hotel and travel with guests.

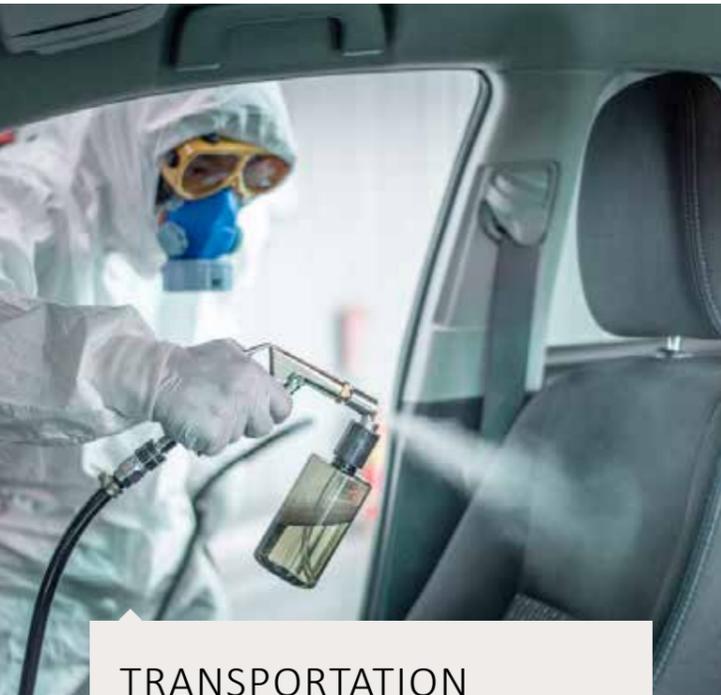
HOTEL SELECTION

We will abide by the guidelines prescribed by the Ministry of Tourism, and also follow our own health and safety protocols. These include, daily temperature checks of guests and staff and also ensuring a distance of at least six feet during interactions with guests. Reception areas must have two-meter distance markings to ensure safe check in. Rooms should have a buffer of 24 hours between each check in and check out. Staff need to use masks, gloves and sanitizers. These are just some of the points of our hotel selection policy.



TRANSPORTATION

We aim to provide contactless service and this entails many steps. These include, chauffeurs with masks and gloves, disinfection of vehicles every day, zig-zag seating arrangement, utilization of only 40 percent seating capacity, availability of hand sanitizers in vehicles, minimal verbal communication between chauffeurs and passengers, and non-availability of newspapers, water bottles etc. Amongst other steps, use of AC is also not advisable.



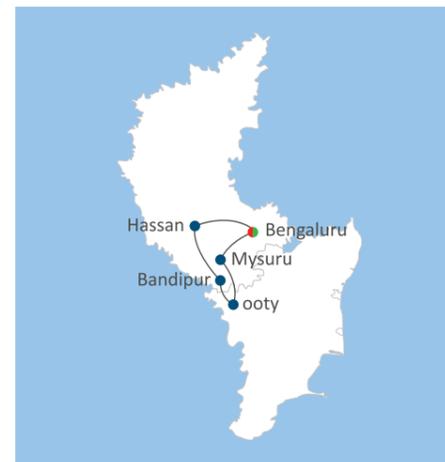
REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER SERVICES

Guests will also be registered on Aarogya Setu – a mobile app developed by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. This app alerts users if they pass within six feet of an infected person and also has a plethora of other features. Room drops and gifts will be avoided. Refillable sanitized water bottles (message in a bottle) will be provided on arrival and feedback will be collected electronically.



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Uttarakhand Self-Drive Adventure

📅 06 NIGHTS / 07 DAYS 📍 DELHI – RISHIKESH – CHOPTA – KAUSANI – NAINITAL

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

DELHI: Unique blend of the past and the present.

RISHIKESH: Spiritual and adventure tourism hotspot of India.

CHOPTA: A high altitude destination with mesmerizing views

TUNGNATH: One of the oldest and highest Shiva temples

KAUSANI: A beautiful Himalayan town with great sunrise and sunset views

NAINITAL: One of the most visited hill stations with a beautiful lake



TOUR OVERVIEW

This unforgettable journey will take you to some of the most enchanting landscapes in the Himalayas. Your tour starts from the charming capital city of Delhi and your first destination is Rishikesh – India's highly popular spiritual and adventure tourism hotspot. Next, you will head for Chopta, a slice of paradise, serenely tucked away high in the hills. Chopta is also the starting point for the trek to Tungnath. After experiencing the charms of Chopta, drive to Kausani – yet another stunning hill destination. Your final destination is Nainital – one of India's most visited hill stations. Here onwards, you will drive back to Delhi.



DAY BY DAY

DAY 01: RISHIKESH (280 km/6 to 7 – hour drive)

Today, you will drive from Delhi to Rishikesh, known as the gateway to the kingdom of the Gods. Situated on the banks of the River Ganges amidst the mighty Himalayas, Rishikesh remains one of the most deeply revered pilgrim destinations in India. In the evening, soak in the spiritual milieu of Rishikesh by witnessing the Ganga Aarti at Parmarth Ashram or the Triveni Ghat. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 02: RISHIKESH – CHOPTA (165 km/6-hour drive)

After an early breakfast, drive to Chopta. This serene remote hill destination commands stunning views of spectacular mountain ranges, including Trishul, Nanda Devi, and Chaukhamba. It is located at an elevation of 2680 M, amidst dense forests. Dinner and Overnight stay at your hotel.

DAY 03: CHOPTA – TUNGNATH (4200M/5-km trek)

After breakfast, set out on the 3.5 km trek to Tungnath. Situated at an altitude of 3,680 M above sea level, this ancient shrine is one of the oldest and highest Lord Shiva temples.

After visiting the Tungnath temple, embark on a further trek of 1.5 km to the summit -Chandrashila. It literally means 'Moon Rock'. At an altitude of around 4,000 M (13,000 ft.), it commands panoramic views of the snow-capped Himalayan peaks of Garhwal and Kumaon, stretching from Bandarpunch

(6,200 M) in the west, and to Nanda Devi (7600 M) to the east, including the Trishul, Bandarpunch and Chaukhamba. After trekking back downhill, relax for some time. Dinner and Overnight stay at your hotel.

DAY 04: CHOPTA - KAUSANI (160 km/6 to 7 – hour drive)

After breakfast, drive to the indefinably beautiful hill station of Kausani, via Gwaldam and Bageshwar. Situated in the Bageshwar district of the state of Uttarakhand, Kausani is famed for its magnificent sunsets and sunrises, as well as sweeping panoramic views of mighty Himalayan peaks. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 05: KAUSANI – NAINITAL (116 km/4-hour drive)

Today, you will drive through picturesque mountainous landscapes to Nainital. On the way, halt at Jageshwar – a complex



of ancient temples and also the site of a Jyotirlinga. The Jyotirlinga means the 'Radiant Sign of The Almighty Shiva' and there are 12 of them across the country.

Continue driving to Nainital, a much-visited popular hill station, which grew around the Naini Lake. Situated at an altitude of around 2,000 M, Nainital offers much to see and do. The Naini Lake is a popular place for boating, and the Naina Devi temple is situated on its northern shore. There is also a cable car, which runs up to the Snow View Observation Point (2,270 M). This point commands sweeping views of the town and mountains, including Nanda Devi, the second highest mountain in India and the highest to be located completely within the country. Dinner and Overnight stay at your hotel.

DAY 06: NAINITAL

Spend the day, exploring and experiencing the numerous irresistible charms of Nainital. From checking out the spectacular regions around the lake to indulging in the wealth of souvenir hunting opportunities at the colourful local markets and gorging on scrumptious local delicacies – you will have fun-packed day. Dinner and Overnight stay at your hotel.

DAY 07: NAINITAL – DELHI (330 km/8-hour drive)

Today, after breakfast, you will drive back to Delhi.



The Summer Sojourn

05 NIGHTS / 06 DAYS | DHANAULTI – MUSSOORIE – LANDOUR – CHAKRATA – PAONTA SAHIB

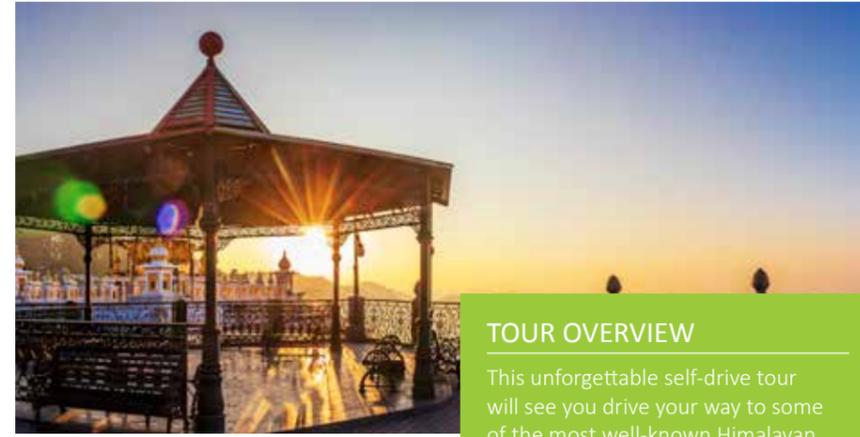
TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

DHANAULTI: A small popular hill station with beautiful views and lots of adventure resorts.

MUSSOORIE: Queen of Hills

CHAKRATA: A less populated but beautiful place to relax with mountains and trees all around.

PAONTA SAHIB: A popular pilgrimage of Sikhs in the valley of Dehradun



TOUR OVERVIEW

This unforgettable self-drive tour will see you drive your way to some of the most well-known Himalayan destinations. Starting from Delhi, you will drive to the famous hill stations of Dhanauli and Mussoorie, followed by a drive to the idyllic and serene hill destination of Chakrata, before you are on your way back to Delhi through Paonta Sahib, Dehradun.

DAY BY DAY

DAY 01: DELHI – DHANAULTI (290 km/7-hour drive)

From Delhi, drive to the hill retreat of Dhanauli via Dehradun. Dhanauli has gained a lot of popularity, especially over the past few years, for its sylvan settings amidst a pollution-free atmosphere. Now, lots of resorts have opened up, and many of them offer facilities for adventure sports. Far from the crowds and the bustle of busy market places, Dhanauli offers a rejuvenating get away. Surrounded by dense forests of Deodars, Oaks and Rhododendrons, the destination lies right in the lap of nature. Furthermore, emerald meadows and breathtaking views of the mountain peaks, make Dhanauli an all the more enticing getaway. Overnight stay at the hill.

DAY 02: DHANAULTI - MUSSOORIE (60 km/2-hr drive)

In the morning, you may want to visit the Eco Park, before you drive down to Mussoorie, one of the most famous hill stations in India. There is no dearth of attractions and exciting activities in Mussoorie. From walking down the Mall Road to visiting curio shops and exploring Landour, Mussoorie will spoil you for choice. You may also end up meeting the famous and much loved author, Ruskin Bond. He lives in Landour and often gives out autographs at book shops. There are many places in Mussoorie that command fabulous views of the Dehradun Valley. Overnight stay at your hotel.

DAY 03: MUSSOORIE – CHAKRATA (80 km/3-hour drive)

After breakfast drive towards the cantonment town of Chakrata. Situated at an altitude of 2118 metres between the Tons and Yamuna rivers, Chakrata does not get as many tourists as Mussoorie or Dhanauli. Naturally, the destination has a serene tranquil vibe and the raw essence of nature's beauty largely remains untouched by commercialisation. Dinner and Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 04: CHAKRATA

Today, you may simply relax and rejuvenate yourself amidst the peaceful and tranquil

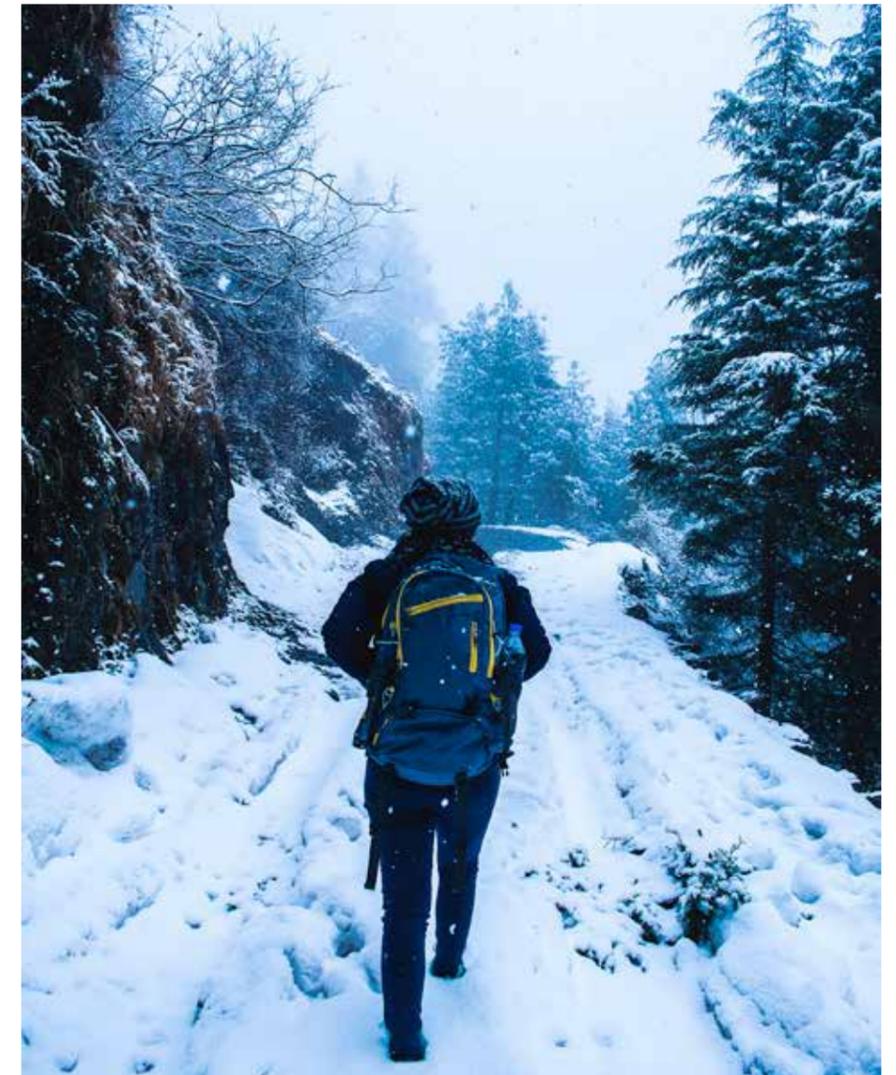
settings of Chakrata. Alternately, you may also visit Landaur or Lakhmandal. The Lakhmandal temple is dedicated to Lord Shiva and is said to be the site of a palace mentioned in the Hindu epic, 'Mahabharata'. According to the Mahabharata, this palace was built to kill the Pandava brothers and their supporters. Dinner and Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 05: CHAKRATA – PAONTA SAHIB (90 km/3-hour drive)

Today morning, after a hearty breakfast, get ready for a picturesque drive down the mountains towards the enchanting Dehradun Valley. On the way, you may spend some time at a popular picnic spot called Dakpathar, on the banks of the River Yamuna. Finally, halt for the night at Paonta Sahi (a highly popular Sikh pilgrim destination). Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 06: PAONTA SAHIB – DELHI (270 km/06-hour drive)

After breakfast, prepare to drive back to Delhi. Overnight stay at hotel.



Himalayan Self-Drive

06 NIGHTS / 07 DAYS DELHI – SHIMLA – SHOJA – MANALI – CHANDIGARH

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

SHIMLA: Once the summer capital of British India, it's a highly popular hill station.

SHOJA: A small scenic mountain village amidst largely untamed wilderness.

MANALI: This high-altitude Himalayan resort town blends old-world charm with the liveliness of a thriving hill station.

CHANDIGARH: The creation of French Architect Le Corbusier, Chandigarh is truly a master piece of a city.



TOUR OVERVIEW

The thrill of exploring some of the most enchanting places in India on a self-drive tour can't be put into words. This tour starts from India's charismatic capital city of Delhi, and takes you to Shimla – the erstwhile summer capital of British India, and now, one of the most-visited hill stations in the country. After a tryst with Shimla's bustle, drive on to the serene and idyllic mountain village of Shoja. A spell of relaxation and rejuvenation awaits you here, before it's time to hit the road for Manali – another spectacular hill destination in the Kullu Valley. Finally, before you drive back to Delhi, treat yourself to the charms of Chandigarh – one of the most well laid out cities in India.

DAY BY DAY

DAY 01: DRIVE TO SHIMLA (342 km/7 to 8 hour drive)

After an early breakfast, set out for Shimla. There will be some hill driving, especially during the last leg of around 70 km. Situated at an altitude of 2130 M, Shimla is the capital of Himachal Pradesh. Charles Pratt Kennedy, a young British officer, built the first permanent house in Shimla way back in 1822. It went on to become a favourite haunt of the British, and later on, its popularity kept growing in leaps and bounds.

You will stay at the grand old Cecil Hotel.

DAY 02: SHIMLA

After breakfast, go on a heritage walk and check out grand colonial-era landmarks, including the Rashtrapati Niwas, Shimla Club Gaiety Theatre, The Mall, The Ridge and Gorton Castle.

Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 03: DRIVE TO SHOJA (155 km/5 to 6 hour drive)

Today, you will drive to the pristine little village of Shoja after breakfast, a scenic offbeat place in the Seraj Valley. Situated at an altitude of around 2,680 M on the Aut-Luhari road leading to Shimla, Shoja casts a spell with its densely wooded mountain



slopes. While Shoja is blessed with some of the best of nature's bounty, the mornings are all the more invigorating, and perfect for strolling through the emerald meadows or following jungle trails. Beyond the tree lines, snow clad mountain peaks form an enchanting horizon, while magnificent cloud formations adorn the heavens above. Lunch, Dinner and Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 04: DRIVE TO MANALI (110 km/ 4-hour drive)

After breakfast, drive to the picturesque hill town of Manali. Situated at an altitude of 1896 M in the Kullu Valley, Manali exhilarates the senses with its jungles,

waterfalls, gurgling mountain streams, and snow-clad peaks. Besides its natural charms, Manali also bustles with life and has some of the trappings of a regular hill station. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 05: MANALI

Today morning, you will drive to Naggar. Situated around 20 km from Kullu, it was the capital of the local kings until 1660 A.D. The ancient castle here, now serves as a tourist retreat and overlooks

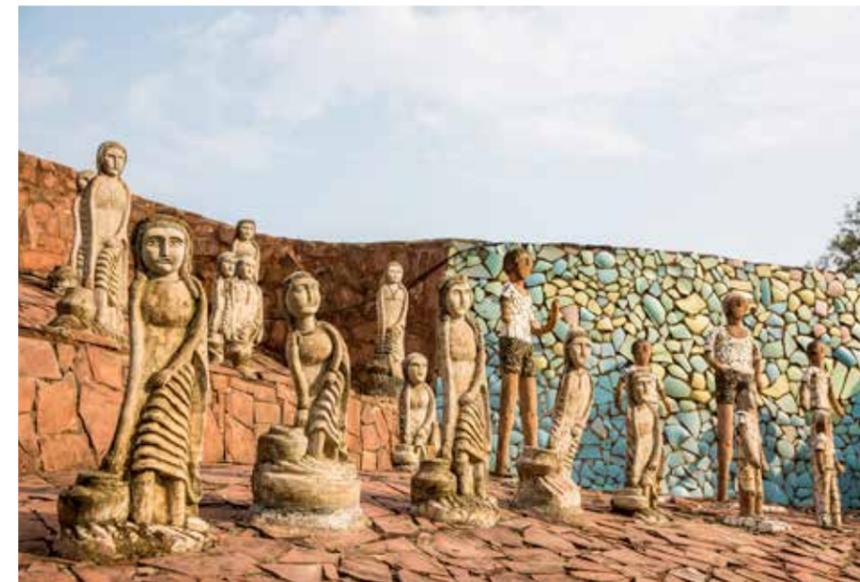
the Beas Valley. There are a couple of old temples near the castle. Nicholas Roerich, the famous Russian painter and philosopher lived here and his quaint little house has been converted into a small museum. Explore the town of Manali in the afternoon. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 06: DRIVE TO CHANDIGARH (290 km/7 to 8 hour drive)

Today, after breakfast at the hotel, get ready for a long fascinating drive to Chandigarh. Designed by the French Architect, Le Corbusier, Chandigarh is an excellently planned well laid out city. In the evening, explore the market or go boating on Sukhna Lake. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 07: DRIVE TO DELHI (245 km/4 hour drive)

After breakfast, visit the globally acclaimed Rock Garden. This huge spectacular garden, complete with human and animal sculptures, as well as waterfalls and streams, was entirely built from discarded waste and scrap materials. It's hard to believe that Nek Chand, the creator of this enigmatic garden, secretly built a major portion of the Rock Garden. Later, drive back to Delhi.



Karnataka – Self Drive Adventure

📅 04 NIGHTS / 05 DAYS 📍 BENGALURU – MYSURU – OOTY – BANDIPUR – HASSAN

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

MYSURU: Once the capital or Wodeyar dynasty, is centre of Palace, Sandalwood, Silk and perfumery works.

OOTY: This British Raj Summer resort, is well known for its scenic beauty and landscaping.

BANDIPUR: This round the year National Park have variety of wildlife.

HASSAN: The place has blends for almost every community.



DAY BY DAY

DAY 01: DRIVE TO MYSURU

Your enchanting journey starts in the morning today, as you set out for Mysuru. Karnataka's cultural capital has not foregone its royal glory – the spectacular Mysuru Palace still dominate the skyline. On the way to Mysuru, you may stop at the town of Srirangapatnam – the historic capital of the legendary warrior king, Tipu Sultan. Try to fathom the life and times of Tipu Sultan at his wooden Summer Palace turned museum. You may also check out Sri Ranganatha Temple. Dedicated to Lord Vishnu, this is one of the largest temples of Karnataka.

Spend the afternoon, exploring Mysuru's captivating landmarks. Your first destination will be the Maharaja's Palace, a splendid piece of Indo-Saracenic Style of architecture. Also, play connoisseur at Rajendra Art Gallery.

In the evening, visit the Chamundi Hills. Its star attraction is the Chamundeshwari Temple. A couple of other awesome sights are the huge monolith of Nandi (Lord Shiva's Bull) and a gigantic statue of the mythological demon, Mahishasura. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 02: DRIVE TO OOTY

Post breakfast, embark on a roughly 125-km long joy-filled drive to Ooty. As you reach Ooty, indulge in the dozens of delightful things to see and do here. From the unforgettable Blue Mountain train to the floral seductions of Botanical Garden and souvenir-filled bazaars, Ooty will keep your hands full. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 03: DRIVE TO BANDIPUR

After a leisurely breakfast, drive down to

TOUR OVERVIEW

Situated in the south-western part of India, the wonderful state of Karnataka spoils travellers for choice. We have packed in some of the most endearing charms of Karnataka for you to enjoy during this short self-drive tour. Trace the rich fascinating history of Mysuru, soak in some incredible colonial-era charm amidst the lofty hills and lush plantations of Ooty, have a tryst with wildlife in the famed jungles of Bandipur and witness the jaw-dropping wonders of temple architecture at Hassan, before you finally drive back to Bengaluru.



Bandipur; the distance is just around 40 km. Experience a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon wildlife safari at the Bandipur National Park. In the evening, try to spot wildlife from a machan, in the company of an expert naturalist. The jungles of Bandipur are home to the elusive Bengal tiger and lots of other exotic wildlife.

You may also watch a wildlife documentary and join a lively bonfire party.

Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 04: DRIVE TO HASSAN

Start your day early to visit the Gopalaswamy Betta in the morning – it's the highest peak in Bandipur National Park area. As hunger pangs set in, enjoy a hearty breakfast and set out on your drive to Hassan. The distance is around 200 km, and you will drive for roughly three hours.

In the afternoon, visit the highly popular tourist destinations of Belur and Halebid.

Belur is situated around 40 km from Hassan and is well known for its temple art. The city attained great heights under the Hoysala kings and the Belur Temple reflects

typical features of Hoysala architecture. Intricate carvings cover the stone walls.

Halebid is situated around 16 km from Belur and the double-shrine here deceives one into thinking that it's built of lace, instead of sandstone. Many mythological stories are beautifully depicted, while an open-air museum displays rare sculptures. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 05: DRIVE TO BENGALURU VIA SHRAVANABELAGOLA

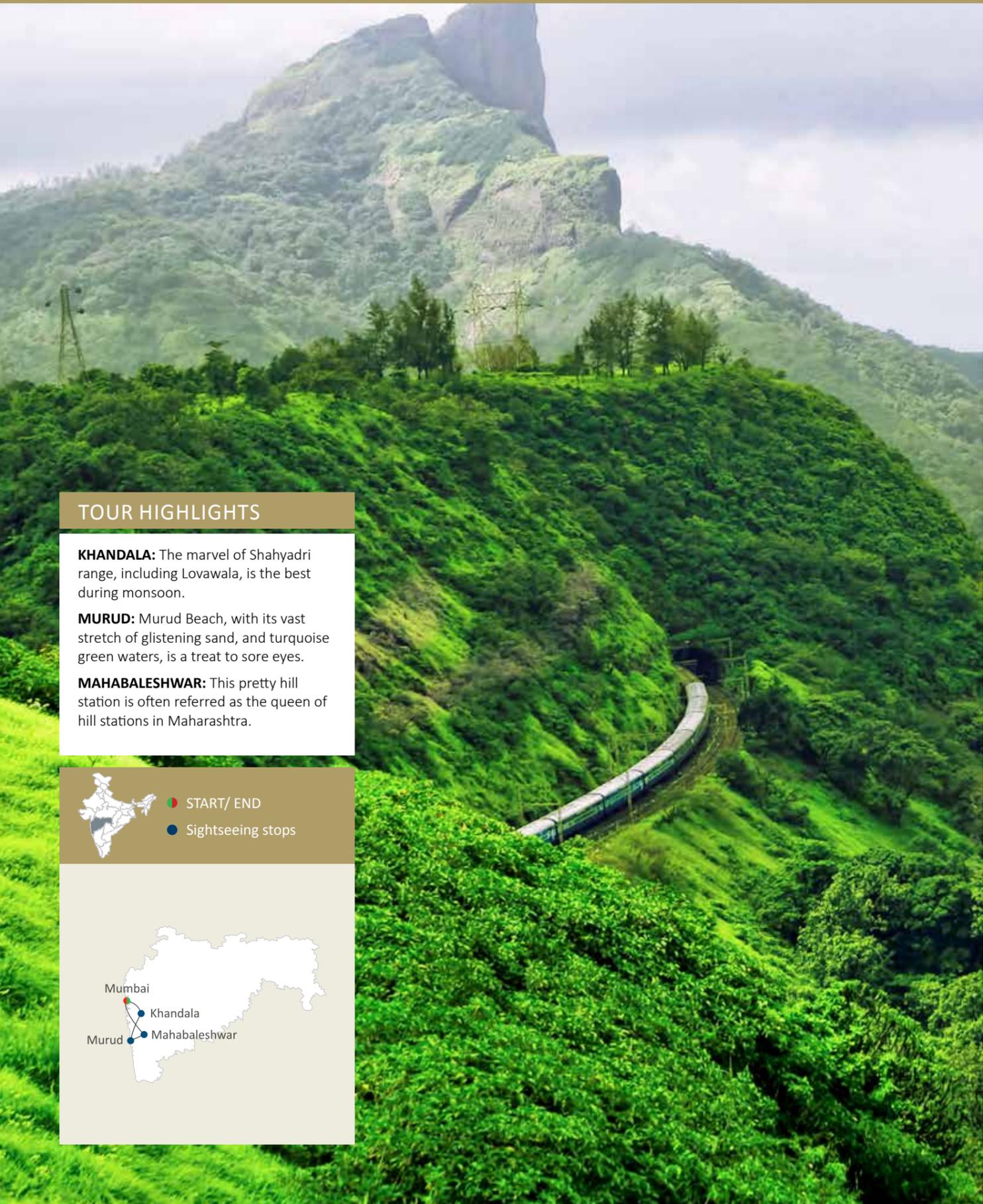
After breakfast, hit the six-lane highway for Bengaluru. It will take around three hours and along the way, visit Shravanbelagola. It's a treasure trove of Jain culture. However, the star attraction is the enormous statue of Lord Bahubali. Its creation in those early days is simply incomprehensible.

Continue driving to Bengaluru.



Maharashtra Self-Drive Adventure

05 NIGHTS / 06 DAYS MUMBAI – KHANDALA – MURUD – MAHABALESHWAR



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

KHANDALA: The marvel of Sharyadri range, including Lovawala, is the best during monsoon.

MURUD: Murud Beach, with its vast stretch of glistening sand, and turquoise green waters, is a treat to sore eyes.

MAHABALESHWAR: This pretty hill station is often referred as the queen of hill stations in Maharashtra.



START/ END

Sightseeing stops



DAY BY DAY

DAY 01: DRIVE TO KHANDALA

Today morning, drive from Mumbai to Khandala. The distance is roughly 90 km and it takes around 1.5 hours. A detour of about 5 km will take you to Lonavala – another lovely place with great natural beauty.

Khandala is a hill station and one of the most popular weekend getaway destinations. Once there, check out fabulous attractions such as Tiger's Leap, Duke's Nose, Karla and Bhaja Cave, and Bhushi Lake.

The scenic locales of Lonavala and Khandala have often caught the fancy of Bollywood. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 02: DRIVE TO MURUD

After enjoying a hearty buffet breakfast at the hotel, proceed to the picturesque little fishing village of Murud Janjira. This is a scenic drive and will take around 4 to 5 hours. The distance is roughly 200 km. A major highlight at Murud Janjira is the Janjira Fort, which was a stronghold of the Abyssinian Sidis, who played an important role in Mumbai's history.

You will reach by the afternoon, and will be in time to hit the beach for sunset. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 03: MURUD

After breakfast, explore the place at your own pace. You may want to head to the Janjira Fort first. Surrounded by the balmy waters of the Arabian Sea, the fort was first built in the 15th century as a small wooden structure to fend off bandits. Later, it was captured by Siddi Sirul Khan, an Abyssinian Siddi, in the 17th century, who made it a mighty formidable stronghold.

Spread over 22 acres, the fort has some 19 bastions that still remain intact, including three fine cannons. There are also secret passageways and escape routes. The fort

TOUR OVERVIEW

This remarkable self-drive tour will take you to some of the most captivating places in Maharashtra. The sheer size and diversity of Maharashtra overwhelms the unsuspecting visitor and ceaselessly fuels the wanderlust. While, it will take a huge vacation to explore all of Maharashtra's myriad fascinating destinations, we have nevertheless ensured that you will experience a journey of a lifetime, during this six-day tour. As you drive your way through Maharashtra, you will visit stunningly beautiful hill destinations, beaches, forts and a lot more.

used to be a full-fledged living place with all the necessary facilities, including palaces, living quarters for the staff and a couple of freshwater lakes. Surprising, there is even a well here – digging this well in the middle of the sea was a tremendous feat of engineering, especially in those early days. The fort can be reached only by boat from Rajapuri jetty, which is about 2 km away. Some of the other attractions are the Garambi Falls, Garambi Dam, Ahmedganj Palace and Kasa Fort. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 04: DRIVE TO MAHABALESHWAR

After breakfast, hit the road for Mahabaleshwar. The distance is around 110 km and it will take you about three hours. You may want to stop a few times on the way, to behold the scenic beauty of plains, hill and jungles. Mahabaleshwar, situated at an altitude of 1,353 M, is one of the most popular tourist places in Maharashtra. The

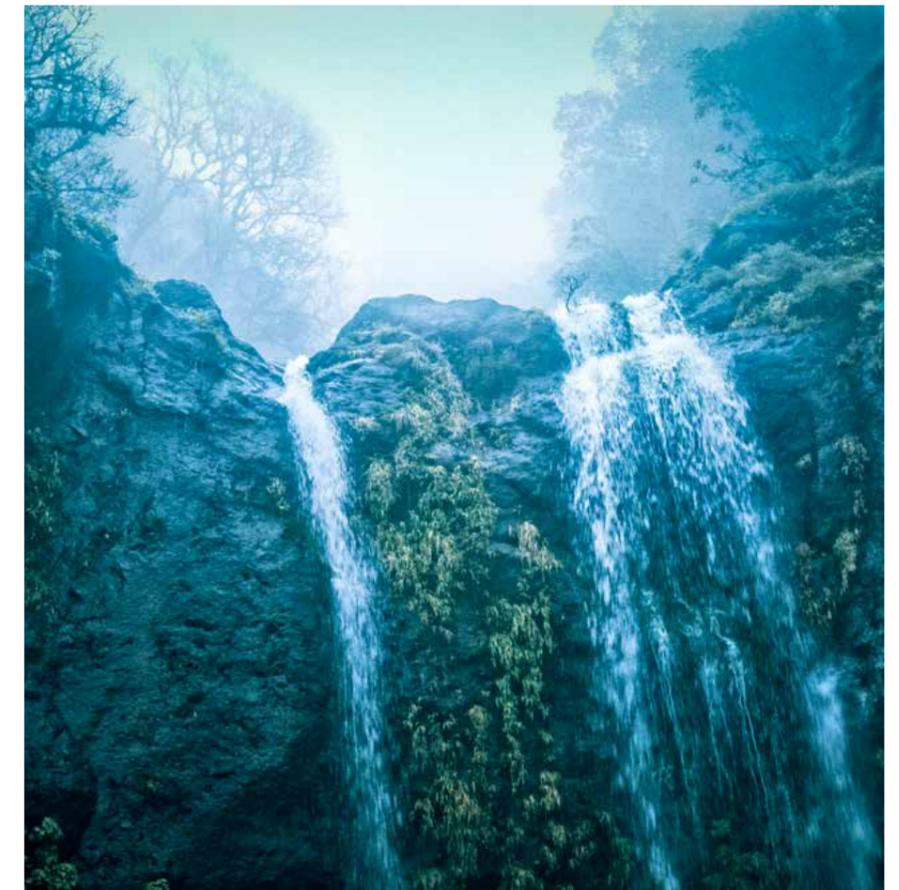
destination comprises three villages and commands magnificent views. Some of the top attractions here are Arthur's Seat, Lingmala Waterfall, Elephant's Head Point, Mapro Garden, Mahabaleshwar Mandir, Krishna Devi Temple, and Pratapgarh Fort, Kaas Plateau and Vajrai Falls. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 05: MAHABALESHWAR

Today, after breakfast, go out on a drive to explore Mahabaleshwar at leisure. Make sure that you carry a camera as there will be countless opportunities for clicking pictures. By and large, the attractions of Mahabaleshwar are scattered in a radius of about 40 km. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 06: DRIVE TO MUMBAI

Post breakfast, drive back to Mumbai. The distance is around 260 km and it will take you roughly five hours to cover the same.



Rajasthan Self Drive Adventure

📅 06 NIGHTS / 07 DAYS 📍 DELHI – BIKANER – JAIPUR – RANTHAMBORE – BHANGARH

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

DELHI: Unique blend of the old and the new buildings.

MANDAWA: Small town in Shekhawati region famous for frescoes.

BIKANER: Another popular town in Rajasthan, famous for its culture and forts.

JAIPUR: The Pink City bowls one over with its fabulous historical attractions

RANTHAMBORE: A must-visit tiger reserve, where nature and history have harmoniously blended together

BHANGARH: A historical fort complex, often said to be haunted.



TOUR OVERVIEW

As you drive your way through the magnificent royal state of Rajasthan, get set for a medley of heart-warming experiences. The tour starts from the dynamic capital city of Delhi and your first destination is the endearing little town of Mandawa, where historical havelis (traditional Indian mansions) will grab your fancy with their brilliant aesthetics. This self-drive adventure will also take you to the legendary sand dunes, world-famous historical monuments and deeply revered temples. You may even spot the highly elusive Bengal tiger and also visit a supposedly haunted fort complex.

DAY BY DAY

DAY 01: DELHI TO MANDAWA

On the first day of your tour, you will drive to the stunning town of Mandawa, often called, Rajasthan's open air art gallery. In the afternoon, explore the beautiful havelis (traditional mansions) of Mandawa. The Rajput ruler of Mandawa built a fort here in 1755 and the township that grew around it, attracted prosperous traders. Their palatial havelis depict colourful frescoes on various subjects. Overnight stay at the magnificent Fort Mandawa.

DAY 02: MANDAWA TO BIKANER (190 km/4-5 hour drive)

Today, while driving to Bikaner, stop at the famous Rat Temple! Continue with your drive. You may also visit the famous fort of Bikaner. Overnight stay at the Raiser camps on the outskirts of Bikaner, near the sand dunes. The camps command stunning sunset and sunrise views. In the evening, enjoy a bonfire and Rajasthani cultural performances.

Dinner and Overnight at Raiser camps.



DAY 03: BIKANER – JAIPUR (340 km/7-hour drive)

After breakfast, head to Jaipur. Jaipur has many claims to fame. Surrounded by rugged hills, formidable forts and beautiful palaces, the Pink City has a fairytale-like aura. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 04: JAIPUR

Head to the hilltop Amber Fort in the morning. Once there, stroll through the sprawling courtyards and halls. Most fascinating, perhaps, is the Sheesh Mahal (hall of mirrors).



On the way back, visit the 'Palace of Winds', or rather, Hawa Mahal. The palace stands out with its jharokhas (special latticed windows) and intricate pink sandstone carvings.

Your next destination is the City Palace, an overwhelming complex of exquisite palaces, gardens and courtyards. The palace museum is well stocked with curios. Later, visit Jaipur's world-famous ancient observatory called Jantar Mantar. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 05: JAIPUR – RANTHAMBORE (190 km/4 to 5 hour drive)

After breakfast, drive towards Ranthambore. The guns have long fallen silent in the erstwhile hunting grounds of the ruling classes, and today wildlife flourishes in the jungles of Ranthambore. The rugged fort on the fringes of the jungle adds a touch of romance and history.

In the afternoon, enjoy a shared Jeep safari to Ranthambore National Park (6 persons per jeep). Lunch, Dinner and Overnight in Ranthambore.

DAY 06: RANTHAMBORE – BHANGARH (140 km/5-hour drive)

Today morning, you will drive from Ranthambore to Bhangarh. On the way, visit the famous Bhangarh Fort complex. Full of interesting historical temples and ruined structures, this fort is also said to be haunted. Of course, this is debatable. Continue with your drive and finally check in to the hotel. Spend a relaxed evening by the pool or enjoy in-house activities. Dinner and Overnight at hotel.

DAY 07: BHANGARH – DELHI (280 km / 6 to 7 hour drive)

After breakfast, drive towards Delhi. Upon arrival, check in to the hotel.

South India Self Drive Exploration

📅 05 NIGHTS / 06 DAYS

📍 CHENNAI – MAHABALIPURAM – PUDUCHERRY – CHETTINAD – MADURAI – RAMESHWARAM – THANJAVUR

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

MAHABALIPURAM: A beach destination, globally famed for the Shore temple

PUDUCHERRY: A fine blend of French colonial influences.

CHETTINAD: A small town, offering a taste of rural life. Famous for its cuisine.

MADURAI: A holy city home, to the famous Meenakshi Temple.

RAMESHWARAM: A spiritual destination, famed for its beaches and the mythological Rama Setu.

THANJAVUR: Home to world famous Brihadeshwar temple



📍 START/ END
Sightseeing stops



TOUR OVERVIEW

The charm of exploring South India's travel gems on a road trip cannot be put into words. From pristine beaches and serene villages to deeply-revered temples and world-famous historical monuments – this self-drive tour covers all this and much more.

Visit the temple in the evening. This living temple is like a city within a city. It's a splendid example of Dravidian architecture. Another attraction is the Tirumalai Nayak Palace (1636). Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY BY DAY

DAY 01: CHENNAI TO MAHABALIPURAM (60 km/2-Hour Drive)

Drive down from Chennai to Mahabalipuram. The destination is world famous for its exquisite Pallava architecture and also boasts gleaming sunny beaches and other delights. On the way, visit Kanchipuram, famous for silk sarees and other textile products. Situated on a rocky outcrop between the beach and a lagoon, this 7th century complex is a stunning collection of historic temples: 14 cave temples, nine monolithic "rathas" or chariots, three stone temples and two carved rock panels. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 02: MAHABALIPURAM TO PONDICHERRY (97 km/2-hour drive)

Today morning, drive towards Pondicherry. The destination has a rich French cultural heritage. A top attraction is Sri Aurobindo Ashram, founded by Sri Aurobindo Ghose in 1926. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 03: PONDICHERRY TO CHETTINAD (278 km/6-hour drive)

Today, you will drive to the rural town of Chettinad. In the afternoon, enjoy a bullock cart ride to the nearby villages.

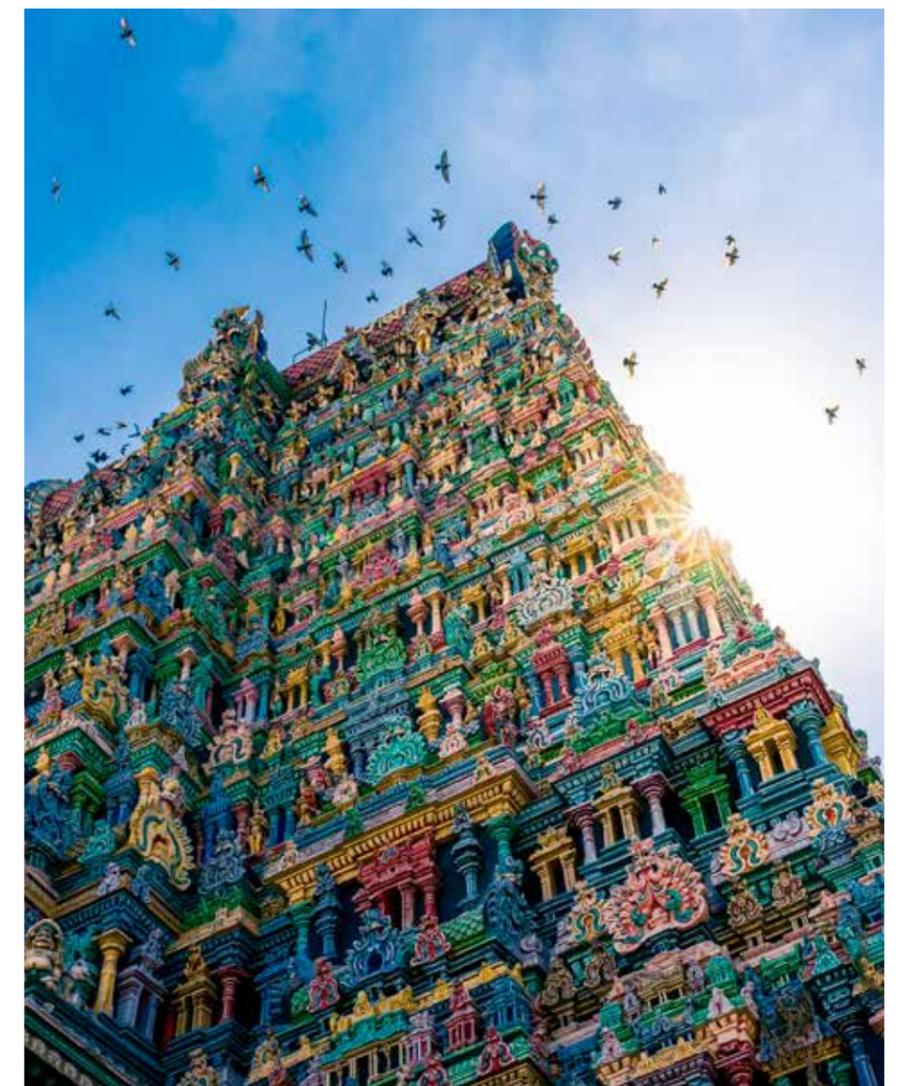
*Optional cooking demo class can be organized on additional payment. Overnight stay at a heritage hotel.

DAY 04: CHETTINAD TO MADURAI (89 km/2-hour drive)

After breakfast, hit the road for Madurai. One of the oldest cities in South India, Madurai was the capital of the ancient Pandya kingdom. The magnificent Meenakshi Temple was built during the long reign of the Nayaks (10th-18th centuries).

DAY 05: MADURAI TO RAMESHWARAM (180 km/5-hour drive)

After breakfast, proceed towards Rameshwaram, well known for the Ram Setu of Ramayan fame, as well as pristine beaches. Another star attraction is the



Ramanathaswamy Temple. Also, take in the spectacular views from the Gandamadana Parvatham hill.

Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 06: RAMESHWARAM TO THANJAVUR (237 km/ 6-hour drive)

After breakfast, drive to Tanjore. The erstwhile capital of the powerful Chola dynasty, today, Tanjore is a scenic little town, surrounded by lush rice fields. Magnificent temples still bear witness to the splendour of Chola architecture. In the afternoon, visit the famous UNESCO World Heritage Site of the ancient Brihadeshvara Temple or Bull Temple – home to India's largest lingam. Also, experience the natural splendour around the Panchanatheesvarar Temple. Besides the temple, you will visit the Palace, which boasts an excellent museum. Overnight at the hotel

DAY 07: THANJAVUR TO CHENNAI (350 km/7-hour drive)

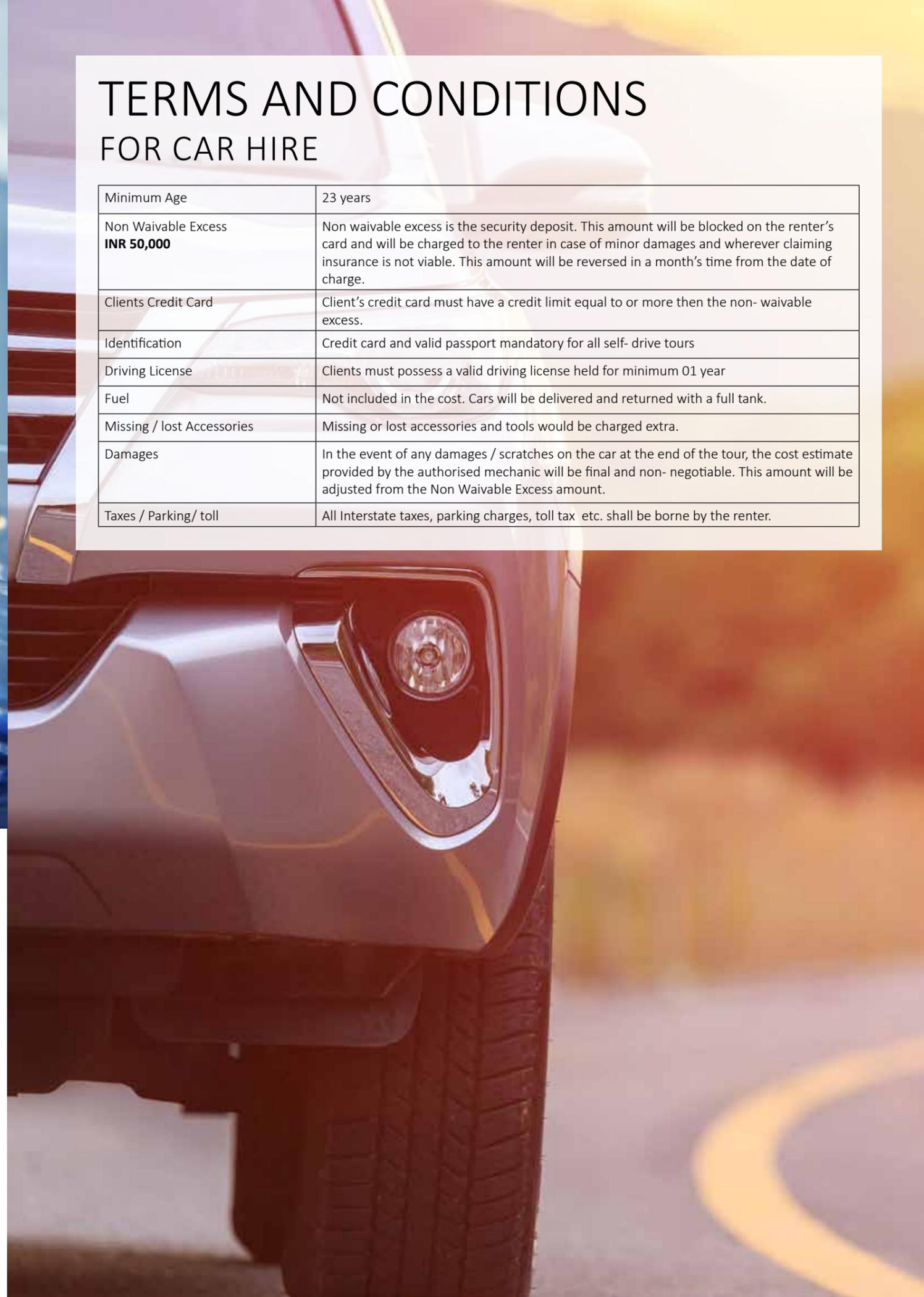
After breakfast drive to Chennai.



TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR CAR HIRE

Minimum Age	23 years
Non Waivable Excess INR 50,000	Non waivable excess is the security deposit. This amount will be blocked on the renter's card and will be charged to the renter in case of minor damages and wherever claiming insurance is not viable. This amount will be reversed in a month's time from the date of charge.
Clients Credit Card	Client's credit card must have a credit limit equal to or more than the non- waivable excess.
Identification	Credit card and valid passport mandatory for all self- drive tours
Driving License	Clients must possess a valid driving license held for minimum 01 year
Fuel	Not included in the cost. Cars will be delivered and returned with a full tank.
Missing / lost Accessories	Missing or lost accessories and tools would be charged extra.
Damages	In the event of any damages / scratches on the car at the end of the tour, the cost estimate provided by the authorised mechanic will be final and non- negotiable. This amount will be adjusted from the Non Waivable Excess amount.
Taxes / Parking/ toll	All Interstate taxes, parking charges, toll tax etc. shall be borne by the renter.

- Do I get assistance in the event of a breakdown?**
 We do provide support for any mechanical breakdown during the trip. The vehicle will be replaced at the nearest feasible town/city.
- What kind of insurance do I get?**
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- What are the preparations for any eventuality – doc on call, hospital partners etc?**
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- Do you provide back-up vehicles and other assistance?**
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